



Services at St John's Church In December 2021



		Service
December 5th	9.30am	Prayer Book Holy Communion
12th	2.30pm	Community Carol Service
19th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW
24th	11.30pm	Prayer Book Holy Communion
26th	Boxing Day	No Service at Grayrigg

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FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

If you're on Facebook please do follow our local churches at The Beacon Team's Facebook site. Simply search 'The Beacon Team' or use the link <https://www.facebook.com/Thebeaconteam>

We aim to keep you up to date with what's happening across the team, from special services, to community mission, to cake stalls, it's all there! Please do follow us and get involved.

Social media thrives on interaction, so if you see our posts please make sure you give us a 'Like', maybe comment, or share the post to your page – all of which will help us grow and reach more people in this digital age.

If you'd like anything included on the page, please let Beacon Admin know, contact me directly on kate@russ-hore.co.uk , or DM us on Facebook.

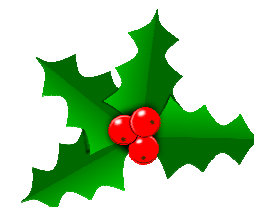
Grayrigg Grapevine

Church and Community News



**The Chapelry of St. John's Church, Grayrigg
comprising the civil parishes of Dillicar, Docker,
Grayrigg, Lambrigg and Whinfell**

December 2021



Dear Friends

Many of the retail advertisements this year seem to have a common theme of encouraging people to be extravagant, and spend, spend, spend to make up for last year. They are full of lights, magical journeys, presents and lots of food. One of the adverts even features a young boy circling all the things he wants as presents in a Christmas catalogue.

We are told that Christmas is meant to be a time of giving. For a huge chunk of our society that has been translated into having to spend as much as you can, on presents for everyone. even if you can't really afford it. Ignoring the fact that the recipient might well have much of it already,
In the midst of all this spending and excitement the reason for the gift seems to have been forgotten.

The strapline of all those adverts I mentioned earlier seems to be 'this is what makes Christmas special'. Yet the one thing missing from them all, is what Christmas is about, Jesus's birth.

Whilst the adverts focus on presents and spending money to ensure everyone has a happy Christmas, Jesus showed us that we don't need a lot of money to make a difference to others, In fact we don't really need to spend money at all. That is not what giving is about.

We can give time, support, help and anything else that will, in the giving, help those who receive. It is amazing just how much a few words of comfort can affect the recipient of them; or a simple gesture of helping someone in and out of the house with shopping bags.

Jesus of course gave the greatest gift of all, with no finance attached to it. A chance to live with him in his Father's house. To give us this, he gave his life. This gift is worth more than anything money can buy.

I am not suggesting that you ignore friends and family at Christmas, in fact quite the opposite: be generous, but that doesn't need to be in the price and number of gifts. Just remember to be even more generous to those who are in need. We live in a society that is built on wealth, but it should be built on kindness and love, both of which we can give in abundance without cost.

Have a wonderful and giving filled Christmas.

Best wishes

Tricia

CHURCH CLEANING

December 2021/January 2022

We are now able to clean Church each week and would welcome volunteers to go on the rota

December

5th

12th

19th Sally and Wendy

26th

January 2022

2nd

9th

16th Sally and Wendy

23rd

30th



The rota will be in the Grapevine each month, .

Thank you. Ann Kendal . Tel. 824276

FIRBANK

Domino Drive-Church Hall



TUESDAY 14th December-7.30pm



LADYBIRDS



We've had a busy few weeks, crafting pumpkins and bats for Halloween, firework paintings for Bonfire night and poppy pictures for Remembrance day. As always, it's been lovely to see some new faces joining us in recent weeks. We are running every Thursday 9-11am until the Christmas holidays, dates to keep in mind the 9th December will be our annual Christmas outing and the 16th December will be our Christmas party, more info to follow.

As usual, keep an eye on the facebook page for any changes. As before please feel welcome to pop in, say hi and have a brew. if you have any question please feel free to contact me on 07748753584

Kerry

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Forthcoming Events at St.George's

Advent Celtic Evening Prayer

We will be holding a short service of Celtic Evening Prayer each Wednesday evening at 7pm during Advent. The services will be different each week, reflecting where we have got to in the Advent season. We look forward to seeing you in St George's Chapel at 7pm on Wednesday, December 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd.

St John's Church, Grayrigg

Join us for a celebration of Advent on



**Sunday 28th November
at
4.30pm**

When we are holding a service of Evensong
with the Evensong Singers

All are welcome.



FINAL REMINDER



St. John's Church, Grayrigg
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday, 27th November

**Grayrigg Coronation Hall
10 am — 1 pm**



GRAYRIGG CORONATION HALL

PUB NIGHT

FRIDAY 3rd DECEMBER

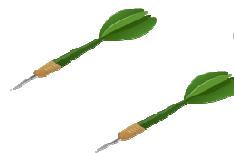
7.30pm

Also

CHRISTMAS PUB NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH DECEMBER

Starts 7.30pm



POOL, DARTS & DOMINO COMPETITONS



Rainfall in Grayrigg

The rainfall in October 2021 was 321.7mm or 12.66 inches
The rainfall in October 2020 was 142.0mm or 5.59 inches
The average October rainfall over the last 29 years is
155.5mm or 6.13 inches.

Fish and Chips

A mobile Fish and Chip shop is now visiting Grayrigg every other Wednesday, serving from 4.30 till 7.30.

It will be situated outside the Coronation Hall

***December dates
1st and 15th***



2022 CALANDERS 2022

Now Available in Church or from Kath

Tel 01539 824630/07736 125236

All local views

Price £5each (envelopes 20p)

Beacon Mission Community Lending Library

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Have you visited the Library at the back of St George's Church in Kendal? Made possible by the generous donation of Peter Barker's family, of many of his books.

We want to increase what we have to offer over the next few months, but already there are books that will help you in your prayer life, help you lead intercessions in Church and books to teach you more about your faith. There are new books being added every month.

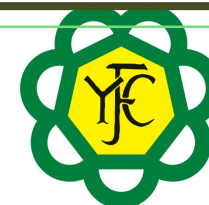
There are books for everyone, covering a very wide range of subjects and age groups. As well as novels and some books for children, you will find reference books on all aspects of the Bible, as well as biographies. There are also books to help those struggling with understanding the Bible.

Many specialist books now are extremely expensive and difficult for individuals to afford but by having them in the library we hope that we can make them accessible to as wide a group of people as possible.

In addition to books we are also gathering a stock of DVDs and CDs for you to borrow.

If you have suggestions of Christian books you would like us to stock please let Geoff (admin@beconteam.org.uk) know and we will endeavour to see if we can obtain them. If you have current books about the Bible that you would like to donate please let us know or make a donation to buy more.

Let us know how we can improve the library and make it better for you. But most of all come and have a look and borrow a book to read at home!



Grayrigg YFC Annual Domino Drive



Tuesday 21st December
Grayrigg Coronation Hall, 7.30pm Start
£3 Entry
Prizes. Raffle . Refreshments
All Members . Friends . Family are
welcome

Beacon Team Magazine

We are hoping to have a Beacon Team Magazine serving all our Churches and communities with separate sections for each parish and their community news.

The editors of our current magazines have done amazing work over the years, but two of them now feel it is time to retire and hand on the role to someone else.

Do you feel you may have the skill and time to be our editor? You will get lots of support from the editors who remain, in pulling together information from their own areas AND plenty of advice,

Maybe two or three people could work as an editorial group?

The magazine is such an important way to keep our communities informed about what is happening and we want to ensure this continues.

Please ring Tricia Rogers (01539 722015) for a chat, with absolutely no obligation, to find out more

A contribution from Kath Dickinson(sent in by Rev Tricia)

I awoke from my sleep for what is was worth
To find that Covid 19 had arrived on this Earth
It started in Wuhan, then rapidly spread
There were millions infected and thousands were dead.
Things got rapidly worse as the virus unfurled
Within weeks of it starting it had covered the world
The Government stepped in and restrictions were set
We were advised to stay home and the rules must be met.
We could exercise only for one hour a day
Go out to get shopping if there was no other way.
The theatres, restaurants the café's and bars
The factories and offices, the manufacturing of cars
These all had to close, we didn't have a say
We had to protect our NHS in some way.
We had to stay safe, stop the virus from spreading
We were all in great danger, the thing we were dreading.
Now hopefully things are starting to ease
With infections and deaths from this dreadful disease
declining each day, what more can be said
Let us never forget the ones who are dead.
For the rest we are lucky, let's keep it that way
Don't take any chances, take care every day.
But I hear myself thinking was this of our doing?
Were we somehow to blame for causing this ruin?
We never for a moment thought that something like this
Could turn our whole world into a complete abyss
We all have our differences of that there's no doubt
We've bickered and fought the whole world throughout.
But whatever your belief, your religion or colour
Can we all live as one, like sister and brother?
Can we accept we're all different, and thank God we're alive?
If this virus taught us one thing it's how to survive
Yes, survive as a nation, a world great and good
We may not be one colour, but we've all got one blood.
So PLEASE stand together, let your differences fall
Please open your arms and embrace one and all.
Be as kind as you can to everyone living
And try if you can to be more forgiving.
We've been through so much, let it not go to waste
Yes live life to the full, but at a more peaceful pace.

Kath Dickinson
Grayrigg , 11th May 2020

CHRISTMAS WITH St JOHN'S GRAYRIGG

Sunday 12th December

Community Carol Service

at 2.30 pm

St John's Church



Sunday 19th December

Holy Communion Common Worship

St John's Church

at 9.30am



Friday 24th December
Christmas Eve

Midnight Communion Prayer Book

St John's Church

at 11.30pm



Thank you

To all those who have provided copy for the
Grapevine our the past year.

Clifford Kendal
Editor and composer.

B4RN Grayrigg Update - November 2021

What's 'gone on' since March?

- Started to build the Whinell Route (R2) down to the cabinet site via Grayrigg
- Built the Cabinet base at the Wainwright Centre
- Secured a fully wayleaved route to the village from the cabinet—thank you to all involved
- Trained R2 home owners in garden digs & house kit fitting
- Continuing process of securing agreement with Network Rail for the
 - Fiddlegill crossing
 - Cabinet at Wainwright centre



What's still to do?



Finalise the last few wayleaves on Lambrigg
Agree Routes based on above!
Confirm Routes for each Landowner
Arrange Volunteer Training for other routes
Plan Property Service Routes
Finalise Route build plan
Follow up Community Investment



What could you do?

- Volunteer to Volunteer?
- If you can help please contact Peter Butler
- Tel: 07557 674656
- Email: Butler.Peter.Robert@gmail.com

A massive thank you to those who have helped so far! - Cath Halstead - CEDO B4RN

Grayrigg YFC

Christmas Cakes

Together with our 'master' baker
Mrs Rachel Dodgson
Grayrigg Young Farmers are making

****5" dia. Christmas Cakes****

As their entry in the Southern District
Of Cumbria Yung Farmers
£50.00 Challenge

A festive treat at £5.00 each
Orders can be given to:

Bradley Wills-07904403443
Bradleywills27@gmail.com

Last order date 10 December

ADVENT

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Thursday at 7.00 at Skelsmergh Village Hall
Friday at 7.00 at Timerondale, Bowston (this one starts on 26th Nov)



We will also be having a short Advent Celtic Prayer at 7.00 in St Georges all through Advent on Wednesday evenings

Contact Tricia (01539722015) if you would like more details